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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: North Dakota's Safe Drinking Water Act §1422 Class VI Underground Injection Control Program Primacy Application: Recommendation for Approval

FROM: Shaun L. McGrath 
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TO: Nancy K. Stoner
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Office of Water

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 has reviewed North Dakota's application for primacy for the UIC Class VI program. As you know, program approval must be done through formal rulemaking as a Headquarters action, but requires a Regional recommendation to move forward. The North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) will be the lead agency for the Class VI program and will issue Class VI permits for the State of North Dakota, except in Indian country, as defined at 18 USC § 1151.

Therefore, I formally recommend approval of the NDIC's primacy application as the first state UIC Class VI injection well program in the nation. We look forward to working with the Office of Water toward a timely decision on this application. Please direct any questions to me or Sadie Hoskie, Water Program Director at (303) 312-6390.

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